

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1495–S1557

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2174–2182, and S. Res. 391–393. **Page S1540**

Measures Passed:

World Plumbing Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 393, designating March 11, 2012, as “World Plumbing Day”. **Page S1557**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 82 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 29), Baucus Amendment No. 1825, to reauthorize for 1 year the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and to provide full funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program for 1 year. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S1525–26, S1527–28**

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 32), Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1822, to provide for the restoration of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of Gulf Coast States and to provide funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the amendment having achieved 60 affirmative votes, was agreed to.) **Pages S1507–08, S1524–25, S1529**

Levin/Conrad Amendment No. 1818, to authorize special measures against foreign jurisdictions, financial institutions, and others that significantly impede United States tax enforcement. **Pages S1531–32**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 28), Vitter Amendment No. 1535, to provide for an extension of the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2010–2015. (Pursuant to

the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S1505–07, S1526**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 30), Collins Amendment No. 1660, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S1508–11, S1513–15, S1528**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 31), Coburn Amendment No. 1738, to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S1511–13, S1518–19, S1528–29**

By 33 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 33), Wyden Amendment No. 1817, to ensure the expeditious processing of Keystone XL permit applications consistent with current law, prohibit the export of crude oil produced in Canada and transported by the Keystone XL pipeline and related facilities unless the prohibition is waived by the President, and require the use of United States iron, steel, and manufactured goods in the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and related facilities with certain exceptions. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S1517–18, S1529–30**

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 34), Hoeven Amendment No. 1537, to approve the Keystone XL pipeline project and provide for environmental protection and government oversight. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S1515–17, S1519–23, S1530**

Pending:

Roberts Amendment No. 1826, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1523–24**

McCain Modified Amendment No. 1669, to enhance the natural quiet and safety of airspace of the Grand Canyon National Park. **Page S1533**

Corker Amendment No. 1785, to lower the FY13 discretionary budget authority cap as set in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 by \$20,000,000,000 in order to offset the general fund transfers to the Highway Trust Fund.

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Corker Amendment No. 1810, to ensure that the aggregate amount made available for transportation projects for a fiscal year does not exceed the estimated amount available for those projects in the Highway Trust Fund for the fiscal year.

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Portman/Coburn Amendment No. 1736, to free States to spend gas taxes on their transportation priorities.

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Portman Amendment No. 1742, to allow States to permit nonhighway uses in rest areas along any highway.

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Coats (for Alexander) Amendment No. 1779, to make technical corrections to certain provisions relating to overflights of National Parks.

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Coats (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1589, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain energy tax subsidies and lower the corporate income tax rate.

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Coats (for DeMint) Amendment No. 1756, to return to the individual States maximum discretionary authority and fiscal responsibility for all elements of the national surface transportation systems that are not within the direct purview of the Federal Government.

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Coats/Lugar Amendment No. 1517, to modify the apportionment formula to ensure that the percentage of apportioned funds received by a State is the same as the percentage of total gas taxes paid by the State.

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Blunt/Casey Amendment No. 1540, to modify the section relating to off-system bridges.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 35), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010. The point of order that the bill was in violation of provisions of section 311(a)(2)a of the Congressional Budget Act, was not sustained.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at 4 p.m., on Monday, March 12, 2012; that the Merkley amendment relative to farm vehicles listed under the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, be changed from Amendment No. 1653 to Amendment No. 1814; that on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, Senate

resume the sequence of votes remaining under the order of Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with the Republican Leader, with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today.
(Total—35) **Pages S1526–31**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:52 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1557.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine an overview of the Federal Housing Administration, after receiving testimony from Carol Galante, Acting Federal Housing Administration Commissioner, and Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing.